Russia Offers Great Opportunities for American Goods.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.—There are big chances in Russia for the young American who will take his foot in his language and people. This market is beyond conception enormous. It is just at its beginning and it needs Simon pure Americans to handle American products. man who has tried the work in the

oods. He falled at the start not knowing the language but he now speaks the
tussian like a native and is doing well. was stationed in Moscow and tried

Russian Merchants.

great many catalogues are sent which

Money in Bricks and Water.

The American Shoe in Russia.

American Factories in Russia



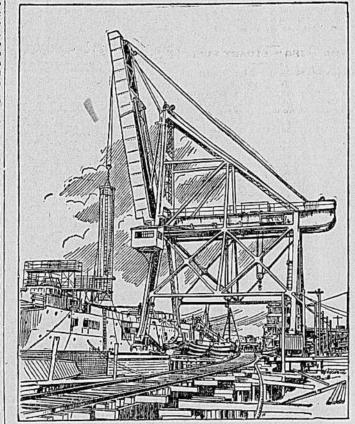
THESE COTTON SHIRTS WERE GROWN IN TURKISTAN.

How a Growing Warship Looks to a Landsman

cruiser Des Moines as she lies in down in the southeast corner

sky line, while the other lies on the wharf in sections awaiting the hour when the blg gantry crane will pick it place. You might even think that there were two funnels yet to be inserted, one smaller than the other, for each smoke-

up-stands majestically against the blue band and the contents of another apparently spread over his nether garments; the clusters of workmen bending over the straddling horses; the mechanics crawlin its proper ing about the yawning hatchways; the shipwrights and carpenters pounding and sawing here, there and everywhere; the foremen and superintendents' assistants



GANTRY CRANE STEPPING A CRUISER'S STACKS. The "Strong Right Arm" of the Fore River Shippard Putting the Final Touches on the Des Moines.

will glance harmlessly, and is respon-sible for the Des Moines' title of "pro-

the fight

One must abandon the steep stairways one realizes that the new cruiser is being

siles a curving surface, from which they the fact that the danger of serious consequences is lessened by the division of the hull along the water line into a series tected cruiser." It separates the upper of independent watertight compartments. The cornpith briquettes, however, still water line, and thus shields the boilers, engines and dynamos that are her heart and other vital organs. Far below its

ments of this newest American cruiser

are always a certain number of minor changes to be made. The little 15 per cent. that remains between the present condition of the Des Moines and her final

Why We Should Not Imitate America.

American, though it is obvious that it friendship closer every day. would be absolutely insane to try to transplant American institutions and customs That the people of America, with their

democratic Constitution, have developed more freedom of action, more independence, moral, social and political, is evident, but it would be just as wrong to expect Europe to adopt American customs as to force our customs upon America. Both have their justification in the mgie than these two

local circumstances and are a natural out-

It is one thing to drop all prejudice cannot against a people which acts, thinks and origin. feels differently from ourselves, and quite another to expect that we Germans should endeavor to lose our individuality in fool-ishly imitating a foreign nation, no matter

There is, besides, absolutely no reason whatever to admire America in every-

America's position towards us in the and if some of us are inclined to think that a war between the two nations must come some time, fals is one more reason. To the country you must look for the why we should study the character of our

No nation in the world has so forced it-

self ahead in every possible line of endeavor as the American, and with no nation in the world has Germany closer or more frequent and extensive communica-No two nations in the world can teach

one another more than the German and the American, and still I doubt if any understand the character of one another less As a child will always inherit traits fred

and resemble its parents, so the Yankee cannot entirely shake off his European

The best qualities in the American peo ple have their roots in the oak forests of imitating a foreign nation, no matter successful or how prosperous and rful.

Germany, the fertile marshes and grain fields of Scandinavia, the villages of England and Ireland and the highlands of Scotland, but a four hundred years long battle with nature from the Atlantic to the Pacific has put its neculiar stamp upon the character of the American people. It is in the new world exactly as in th

school is the kindergarten of the race. I. personally, with thousands of others

The Americans originally were a nation
of both sides of the Atlantic, sincerely of farmers and planters before they be-

At the beginning of the twentieth century we find the American nation a people with very pronounced characteristics.

The people, as a whole, is thoroughly Americanized, though the number of those whose grandparents and greatgrandparents were born in the United States is comparatively small, and as the nation grows the influx of foreigners exerts no influence upon the national character.

Newspapers and public schools are the factors which stamp and mould the coming generation.

The average American learns only the history of his own country; he is absolutely ignorant of the history of classical Greece or the Roman republic, and naturally forms the impression that his country is the only one of any import-

He is not taught religion or even told about the existence of the Bible in the public schools, and naturally his ideas of ethics and morals, must be different

His inclination to make light of and condone the wide-spread corruption which indisputably exists in all public affairs in the United States may be traced back to this lack of early moral training. He thinks differently of money and the

The position of woman in America is freer and more independent in every respect than here.

The principles of education of children are more lax than in European countries. The American laborer and farmer can not compare with ours.

In the higher classes of society a new specific American type has appeared, which outwardly, at least, has some re semblance to what we call a gentleman, but the lower origin guite often is visible through the superficial varnish, and this grows more pronounced the further you go West,

It is impossible to describe the character of the American in a few words; it is just as complicated as the climate and surface of his country.

The typical American temperament is sanguine, but in a different way from the French.

fire, but he is a born pessimist; the Yankee is always optimistic; he is at the same time enthusiastic and extremely

He is exceedingly patient under the more abuse from the government and authorities than the most humble Rus-

sian, but at the same time he is dangerous and his patience may unexpectedly give way to extreme violence, which carries away every obstruction.

He is probably well aware of the shortcomings of his government and country. but his vanity forbids him to listen to any criticism from an outsider.

He possesses a rich vein of humor. which pervades everywhere and everything, from newspapers to political

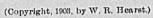
All the men who have risen to national prominence have possessed it.

Amrican humor is less refined and deep than the English or German; it has no touch of the pathetic which fills the eye with tears while the lips are smiling. has a tendency to exaggerate, which in Mark Twain and the artist, Charles Dana Gibson, has reached its highest perfection.

The German who forms his opinion of America and Americans from the canards of our newspapers, who chronicles nothing but strikes, lynchings, kidnapping of millionaires or train robberies, knows really nothing about the true American. most trying circumstances and will stand in whose character chivalry and good nature are very prominent.

He is by no means the cold, heartless

By Count Wilhelm Von Polenz



brutal egotist that many of us imag-

He has really many other interests than the hunt for the almighty dollar, and has under his rough surface very often a heart of gold, though he in most cases seems to be ashamed of it.

Here in Germany we praise the pattriotic citizen, in America patriotism is taken as a matter of course.

A party who did not put love of the country at the very top of its programme could not be imagined in America. Patriotism covers everything, even the

national shortcomings.
"It is American, consequently it is good and cannot be beaten," is the belief and motto of every Yankee, from

boyhood to old age. If a newborn baby should make its entry into the world singing, "Yankee Doodle." it would cause no surprise.

The American is chivalrous to a fault and shows this in his treatment of women under all circumstances.

He does not put her on a pedestal and praise her as an angel or a divine heing; he has too much common sense for that, but he does not treat her as a chattel or make a household drudge of

and calculating business man or the | her as a friend, an equal, morally superior to himself though physically weaker, and he considers it his first duty to protect her from insult and abuse under all circumstances.

> He does not insult her by staring at her in cars or ogung her in the street, and a masher would certainly very soon find himself ornamenting a lamppost, dangling from the end of a rope, but mashers are not known in America.

But the character of the Yankee has among which is his lack of moral sense, which makes it appear quite natural to opportunity to rob the people who put it in power.

He sees no danger in the rapidly increasing corruption and he allows the laws of his country to be trampled upon and ridiculed by the rich and powerful. In no other country in the world is it rue that small thieves are hanged, while

the big ones are honored.
It is to be hoped, though, that his many good qualities may finally prevail and in time make the land of unlimited possipilities an ideal worth imitating in every

thing, but at the present time admirers of America should use a little common serse and judgment before they advise their chattel or make a household drudge of countrymen to transform thmeselves into a likeness of the American nation is everything without exception.